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Provisional agenda

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Draft organization of work

Framework questions

Delegations are requested to organize their interventions around the following questions so as to frame the discussions on assessing the effectiveness of the Agreement:[1]

1. In which areas is implementation of the Agreement and the recommendations adopted at the Review Conference in 2006 and 2010 proceeding generally well, and in which areas could such implementation be strengthened?

2. What means could be proposed to further strengthen the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement?

[1] This methodology does not preclude delegations from addressing other questions in order to complement and inform the discussions.

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Programme of work

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Monday, 23 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Items 1-6	Opening of the resumed Review Conference; election of the President; address by the Secretary-General or his representative; adoption of the agenda; election to fill vacancies in the composition of the Bureau; organization of work
	Item 7	Presentation of the report of the twelfth round of informal consultations of States parties to the Agreement
	Item 8	Consideration of the report on the status of the Assistance Fund
	Item 9	Assessment of the effectiveness of the Agreement in securing the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks
	Item 9 (a)	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to the conservation and management of stocks — recommendations 18 (a) to (k), 19 and 20 from 2006 and recommendations I (a) to (o) from 2010 (framework question 1): • Adoption and implementation of measures • Application of precautionary and ecosystem approaches • Environmental factors affecting marine ecosystems, including adverse impacts of climate change and ocean acidification • Achievement of compatible measures • Development of area-based management tools • Reduction of fishing capacity to levels commensurate with the sustainability of fish stocks • Elimination of subsidies that contribute to illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing, overfishing and overcapacity • Lost or abandoned fishing gear and discards • Data collection and sharing of information • Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) data arrangements and the global fisheries statistics database • Conservation and management of sharks

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		• Conservation and management measures for deep-sea fisheries
		• Determination of reference points or provisional reference points for specific stocks
		• Science-policy interface
		• Rebuilding and recovery strategies
		• By-catch management
		• Compliance with obligations as members or cooperating non-members of regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Establishment of new regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
3-6 p.m.	Item 9 (a) (*continued*)	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to mechanisms for international cooperation and non-members — recommendations 32 (a) to (k) from 2006 and recommendations II (a) to (h) from 2010 (framework question 1):
		• Strengthening mandates and measures in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Performance reviews and best practice guidelines
		• Strengthening and enhancing cooperation among regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Participation in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Decision-making rules and procedures in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Establishment of new regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Implementation of interim measures
		• Effective control by flag States
		• Fisheries of developing States
Tuesday, 24 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 9 (a) (*continued*)	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to monitoring, control and surveillance, and compliance and enforcement — recommendations 43 (a) to (o) from 2006 and recommendations III (a) to (h) from 2010 (framework question 1):

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		• Strengthening effective control over vessels
		• Assessment of flag State performance
		• Participation in the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and the adoption of port State measures
		• Control over fishing activities of nationals
		• Strengthening compliance, cooperation and enforcement schemes in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Alternative mechanisms for compliance and enforcement in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Regulation of trans-shipment, supply and refuelling vessels
		• Strengthening fisheries access agreements
		• Market-related measures
		• International Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Network for Fisheries-Related Activities
		• FAO Compliance Agreement and global record of fishing vessels
3-6 p.m.	Item 9 (a) (*continued*)	Review of the implementation of the recommendations relating to developing States and non-parties — recommendations 55 (a) to (f), 56 and 57 from 2006 and recommendations IV (a) to (i) from 2010 (framework question 1):
		• Promotion of wider participation in the Agreement
		• Enhancement of the participation of developing States in regional fisheries management organizations and arrangements
		• Cooperation with and assistance to developing States
		• Capacity-building needs of developing States
		• Capacity-building mechanisms and programmes, including the Part VII Assistance Fund
		• Small-scale and artisanal fishers and women fishworkers, as well as indigenous peoples in developing States

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		• Mainstreaming of capacity-building efforts with other international development strategies
	Item 7 (*continued*)	Presentation of the report of the twelfth round of informal consultations of States parties to the Agreement: consideration of additional issues:
		• Labour conditions
		• Avoidance of the transfer of a disproportionate burden of conservation action to developing States
Wednesday, 25 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 9 (b)	Proposed means of further strengthening, if necessary, the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement (framework question 2)
3-6 p.m.	Item 9 (b) (*continued*)	Proposed means of further strengthening, if necessary, the substance and methods of implementation of the Agreement (framework question 2)
Thursday, 26 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 10	Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee
	Item 11	Consideration and adoption of the outcome of the resumed Review Conference
3-6 p.m.	Item 11 (*continued*)	Consideration and adoption of the outcome of the resumed Review Conference
Friday, 27 May		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 11 (*continued*)	Consideration and adoption of the outcome of the resumed Review Conference
3-6 p.m.	Items 12-13	Other matters; closure of the Conference